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La Peña Cultural Center

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147 INKWORKS

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Two-Month Calendar
See back for August

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La Peña Calendar of Events • July • 2007

(August 07 on the back)

The Cepeda Family has promoted Puerto Rican music for 5 generations

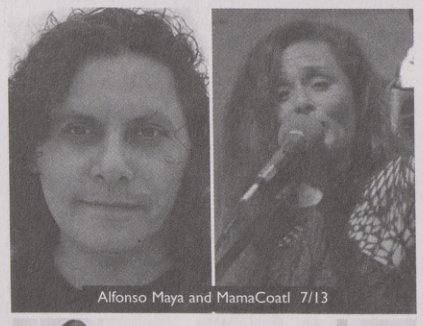
Maestros de Bomba en La Bahía. Encuentro 2007
July 9th–August 5th

A month long series of Puerto Rican *plena* & *bomba* workshops, performances and *bombazos* (jam sessions) given by master artists from Puerto Rico. Featuring Modesto Cepeda and family, Oxil Febles, Angel Luis Reyes, and Otoqui Reyes Pizarro. See July 25 & Aug. 1. For more info: www.musicbeat.org, bombayplena@sbcglobal.net or call (510) 652-1627

Familia Cepeda 7/28

Rebeca Mauleón 7/1

Schwenke y Nilo 7/7


Alfonso Maya and MamaCoatl 7/13

Eleggua 7/19

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SUNDAY

1 RUMBA 3:30 - 6PM

A Rhythm Section Clinic & Concert featuring **Rebeca Mauleón, Jimmy Branly, & Gary Brown**
Essential concepts of Latin rhythms.
Clinic: 4-6pm $15
***Piano y Ritmo*: Concert**
Afro-Caribbean music with Rebeca Mauleón, Jimmy Branly (Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Issac Delgado), Gary Brown (Flora & Airto), Carlos Caro (Paulito FG) & Edgardo Cambón (Candela).
8pm $15 ($25 for clinic & concert)

8 Maestros de Bomba Workshop 3-5pm

Spoken Word
When Cities Unite: A fusion of spoken word & music from L.A. to the Bay!
Features Uchechi Kalu, Joe Hernandez-Kolski(Pocho Joe), RatPack Slim, DEZ HOPE, DJ Maestramind!
7pm
$7-$10 sliding scale*

15 RUMBA 3:30 - 6PM

Bomba Workshop 3-5pm

Sketch comedy
On tour from San Antonio, Tejas, Comedia A Go-Go
With a unique blend of pop-culture satire and biting social commentary, Comedia A Go-Go delivers multi-media sketch comedy that will make you think, possibly offend, but definitely make you laugh out loud.
8pm$7 gen. $5 students w/ID

22 Maestros de Bomba Workshop 3-5pm

Your contributions make a difference!
Your tax-deductible donations support La Peña's programs that bring people together to work for peace and social justice through the arts.

29 Maestros de Bomba Workshop 3-5pm

Radical Protest Music and Theatre
Folk This! & Friends
an eclectic mix of protest songs from the 18th to the 21st centuries. With singer/songwriters ***Carol Denney*** & ***Robert Temple***. Theatre artist ***Steven Low*** will be presenting excerpts from the *Yellow Fever Express*.
7:30pm $10 gen.
$5 (students, seniors, low income)*

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11 CAFE POETRY 7:30PM

From Osogbo, Nigeria, Chief Priest **Elebuibon Akinyemi** presents
Tani O, Who are You?
Respected Ifa priest speaks about the phenomena of "who are you?" In a place where the knowledge of ancient wisdom is unknown we may neglect many factors responsible for unaccomplished goals. He will also share music of Ifa and explore the meaning of the songs to the Orishas.
7pm $10

18 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM DONATION

Adv. Ticket Information
Advance sale tickets are available for a **select** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org.
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25 MUSIC WORKSHOP

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6:30pm-9:30pm (www.musicbeat.org)

THURSDAY

5 MEMORIAL CONCERT

Un Regalo para Garabato
A celebration of the life of
Carlos Garabato Gonzales
With Rico Pabon (hip hop, spoken word), Avotcja (spoken word), Aya De Leon (spoken word), Yaya Maldonado y Los Gatos (Afro Cuban), Hector Lugo y sus Pleneros (Puerto Rican), and Carolyn Brandy & friends (Afro Cuban). Farl, Carlos Zialcita w/Myrna del Rio (blues).
7pm $10 - $50 sliding scale*
(proceeds to support burial costs)

12 HIP HOP

The hottest all-ages hip hop show of the summer!
The Bake Sale 2.0
Featuring Dahlak and the Hi-Lifes, The Getback Crew, 40 Love, and Invisible Inc. Hosted by Marc Bamuthi Joseph in a lineup that includes five HBO Def Poets!
8pm
$7 gen. $5 students w/ID*

19 CONCERT

Direct from Venezuela a 10-women percussion & vocal group
Eleggua
Direct descendants of African slaves who cultivated cocoa & coffee in Venezuela's Barlovento, on the central coast. These women are dedicated to researching and rescuing the purest African roots in their music. Eleggua Group fuses African polyrhythmic percussion and all-Spanish vocals.
8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

26 LATINO FILM FEST

International Latino Film Society presents **Soledad is Gone Forever** (dir. Mabel Valdiviezo, 2006, USA, 14 min.) A drama that explores the impact of political persecution.
Mi mejor enemigo/My Best Enemy (dir. Alex Bowen, 2005, Argentina/Chile, 105 min.) Dec. 1978, Chile and Argentina are about to engage in an armed confrontation in Patagonia. A timely message about the futility of war. Chile's 2005 selection for the Oscars and Goyas.
7pm $6 gen. $5 ILFF members

FRIDAY

6 DRUMS FROM AFRICA

An inspired percussion ensemble specializing in the vibrant rhythms, songs, & dances of Guinea, West Africa
Les Percussions Malinke
Master drummer & showman, ***Bolokada Conde***, heads a troupe of charismatic and culturally diverse musicians and drummers from Africa and the world. A tour de force in concert, the group delights audiences with a joyous, high energy spectacle awash in light and color.
8pm $13 adv. $15 dr.

Acción Latina's América Canta & La Peña present from Mexico

13

One of the most outstanding and respected young singer-songwriters in Mexico's trova scene today
Alfonso Maya
With his music reflecting both folkloric & contemporary influences and rhythms of the world, Alfonso has two highly praised albums: *Giros y Giros* & *Tarot*. With the special appearance of
MamaCoatl
Singer, performer & border-crossing-diosa.
8pm $12

20 CONCERT

Talented young latin jazz musicians
The Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of S.F.
Enjoy an evening of latin jazz classics and original compositions. The ensemble is a performing group of musicians ages 10 to 18, directed by acclaimed musician John Calloway. La Peña welcomes them back!
8pm $15

27 CONCERT

Peru Canta y Baila!
Celebrate Peruvian independence day with three of the most acclaimed Peruvian dance companies
De Rompe y Raja, Kanchis & El Tunante
Music and dances from Peru, including *tonderos*, *marineras norteñas*, Afro-Peruvian and Andean music. With special guests **Rosa Los Santos** and **Marina La Valle**
8pm $15 adv.

SATURDAY

7 CONCERT

Chilean *Nueva Canción* prime duo
Schwenke y Nilo
Two remarkable composers, vocalists & accomplished musicians return to La Peña from Chile bringing witty and compassionate music. Nelson Schwenke and Marcelo Nilo's songs have accompanied generations of Chileans in the struggles during and after the military dictatorship in Chile.
8:30pm $20
Exhibit opening in the Lobby 3-5 pm: "*Los hilos de la vida*"

14 THEATER: EXHIBIT RECEPTION 4:30-6PM

Bay Area hard hitting salsa band
Orquesta Karabali
Led by Michael Spiro & Karl Perazzo, the Orquesta plays the style of music made popular by NY's Johnny Pacheco and Conjunto Libre from the 1970's and 80's. The band features Michael Spiro, Karl Perzazzo, Edgardo Cambón, Jeff Cressman, Marty Weiner, Bill Ortiz, Miguel Martinez, Bob Karty and Steve Senft-Herrera.
9:30pm $12

21 Casa Cuba & La Peña present

Commemorate July 26
On July 26, 1953, a group of rebels lead by Fidel Castro attacked the Moncada garrison and launched the Cuban Revolution that taught Cubans and the world that health care is a human right! Featuring film & speakers. With KPFA's *Emiliano Echeverria*, who went with Michael Moore to Cuba for the filming of "Sicko". More details on our website, www.lapena.org
8pm $10 gen. $8 students w/ID
(No one turned away for lack of funds)

28 CONCERT

Maestros de Bomba en La Bahía. Direct from Puerto Rico, the legendary
Familia Cepeda
with ***Modesto Cepeda*** and his two daughters. Also featuring a new generation of *bomba* artists from the island. A historical evening of Afro-Puerto Rican music & dance representing the genres of *plena* & *bomba*! You will not want to miss this! Two shows: **8pm & 10pm**
$12 adv. $15 dr.

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Les Percussions Malinke 7/6

The Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of SF 7/20

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

by Adrienne Miller

Theater: July 2-August 31. ***Tsunami Affected Lives/Moving Beyond Disaster***. Color photos by **Adrienne Miller** about the conditions of the tsunami-affected villages of *Untouchables*, where stigmatized, poor and marginalized communities bored the brunt of the natural disaster. The exhibit helps to put a face on those which the global community tends to forget.
Opening party July 14, 4:30-6pm.

Lobby: July 2-August 31. ***Los Hilos de la vida/The Threads of Life*** Quilt show. A Latina cooperative quilt group in northern California that has been making pictorial quilts for the last two years. With scenes of family life, border crossings, life in Mexico, dreams & reverence for the natural and spiritual worlds, the quilts capture the essence of the artists' stories. Opening party July7, 3-5 pm.

by Roke

Cafe: July 2-August 31. ***Goddess Durga against the latest demon.*** Mixed-media by **Roke**. Through sculpture, images and stories around the Hindu Goddess of victory, Durga, this work is aimed at raising consciousness of how pervasive and insidious plastic is.
Opening party Aug. 9, 5:30-7pm.

Elebuibon Akinyemi 7/11

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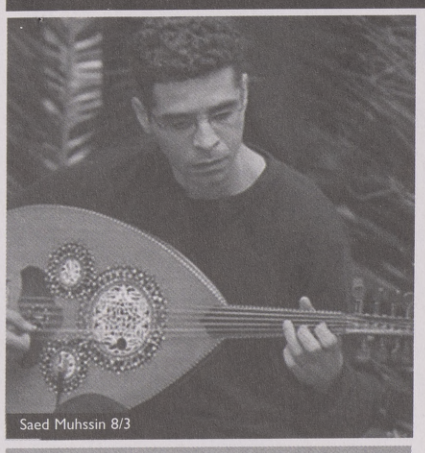
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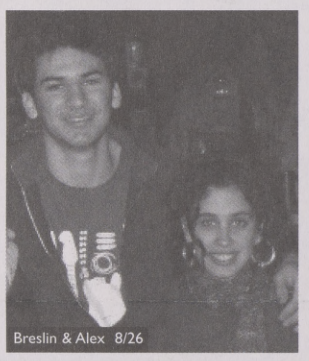
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6:30pm-9:30pm (www.musicbeat.org)

THURSDAY

2 FILM & MUSIC

New documentary that explores teen life in the Bay Area through the rising popularity of Spoken Word

2nd Verse

Film screening with musical performance by Damond Moodie and Q & A / performance by featured poets.

8pm
$5-$10 sliding scale

FRIDAY

3 CONCERT

The Arab Cultural Initiative continues

Saed Muhssin

Classical Arab instrumental, original compositions and improvisations, blending hints of Indian, Jazz and western atonal music.

8pm
$10 gen. $8 students w/ID

SATURDAY

4 CONCERT

Come celebrate the release of

A Taste of Paradise

Saul's CD explores different notions of paradise through character explorations, socio-political commentary & sensuality. Weaving love, spirit & high energy tunes, Saul reviews the process of making a difficult decision & needing enough faith to make the journey. Rebbe Soul -Havdalah ceremony at **8pm**. Melita @ **9pm**. Saul Kaye Band @ **10pm**.

$10-$15 sliding scale

SUNDAY

5 CAFE RUMBA 3:30 - 6PM

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Free Opening Party
5:30-7pm @ the Lobby

10 CONCERT

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The Dunes

The Dunes specialize in North African fusion. Combining funk, rock, reggae and salsa grooves with North African forms.

8pm
$10 gen. $8 students w/ID

11 DANCE

Classic danzones & cha-cha-chas

Orquesta La Moderna Tradición

New guarachas and timba to keep you dancing all night, including new arrangements of compositions by Juan Carlos Formell. Come listen to some great charanga and support the Bay Area's own, playing classic and modern Cuban dance music.

9pm $12

12 CONCERT

Direct from Buenos Aires!

María Volanté: Intima

Argentine vocalist and Latin Grammy nominee, María Volanté, is celebrated for her ability to move audiences with her innovative and intensely personal performances of the music of Buenos Aires. In this one-woman show, María reveals herself at her most intimate.

7:30pm
$13 adv. $15 dr.

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16 DANCE

Original and Traditional Latin Sounds

Milagro

Not your typical salsa or Latin rock band. Milagro is a sultry show that is sophisticated and warm, yet at times, edgy and sensual.

"You're a diamond in the rough, girl...well on your way to national recognition!"
-Pete Escovedo-

8pm
$10 gen. $8 students w/ID

17 CONCERT / DANCE

Sultry songs, sizzling samba & swirling salsa

Alexa Weber Morales

Alexa will be performing songs from her recently released second CD, *Vagabundeo*, plus plenty of danceable Latin favorites. The band will feature Murray Low on piano, Jeff Chambers on bass, & Edgardo Cambón on percussion & vocals, among others. Don't miss it!

8pm
$12 gen. $10 students w/ID

18 FLAMENCO

The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership presents Flamenco Direct from Andalucía, Spain

Concha Vargas with **David Serva**

Legendary flamenco guitarist David Serva with Gypsy dancer from Sevilla/Lebrija, Concha Vargas, and her daughter, singer Carmen de Quintín. For information on workshops & private classes visit laninaflamenco.com

8:30pm $30 adv. $35 dr.
(Limited $45 Premium seating available)

19 CAFE RUMBA 3:30 - 6PM

One of Mexico's legendary son jarocho groups returns to La Peña.

Son de Madera

Utilizing the rare and beautiful instruments of eastern Mexico, including the Veracruz harp, *jarana*, *requinto*, and the lively box-drum *tarima*, ***Son de Madera*** sings and dances music ranging from plaintive love ballads to exciting get up and move *sones*.

8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

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CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG**

24 DANCE

Unsmokables

Breaking down the barriers of musical expectations and bridging gaps between the arts of vocal and instrumental improvisation, Unsmokables will move you . The show is a non-stop explosion of music and dance, created completely live and always fresh.

9pm
$10 gen. $7 students w/ID

25 DANCE

Rock down global capitalism

Carne Cruda & Rico Pabon

Carne Cruda returns to La Peña with it's irresistible booty-shaking dance grooves. Surf-Cumbia, Latin All-Style you will love! Hip Hop artist ***Rico Pabon*** has released 4 albums since 1995, and has been a featured artist several times at La Peña's Hecho en Califas.

9pm $8 gen. $6 students w/ID

26 CONCERT

Friends since childhood

Breslin & Alex

a young pair of Bay Area native singer-songwriters have been sharing stages and charming crowds together for nearly a decade. Combining soulful folk-rock harmonies with dynamic lyrics, Breslin & Alex bring genuine connection and soul-bearing honesty to every performance.

8pm
$12 gen. $10 students w/ID

29 LATINO FILM FEST

Brazilian-style screwball romantic comedy

O casamento de Romeu e Julieta

Romeo and Juliet Get Married. (Dir. Bruno Barreto, 2005, Brazil, 90 min.) Julieta & Romeu live their single lives as die-hard soccer fans in São Paulo. Though they root for competing teams, a fateful doctor's office visit brings them together and they fall in love.

7pm $6 gen. $5 ILFF members

30 CONCERT

Performing Afro-Cuban folk, funk-rock originals, and pop favorites

Katura

Featuring the music of Regina Wells with Carolyn Brandy, percussion, and Jake Wells, bass. Regina's vocals are still balm to the soul and fire for the spirit.

7:30pm
$12 adv. $15 dr.

31 DANCE

Havana Dance Party!

Los Boleros

Dance to the son montunos, son cubanos, cumbia and merengue dance music of Los Boleros

9pm
$12 gen. $10 students w/ID

ATTENTION STUDENTS

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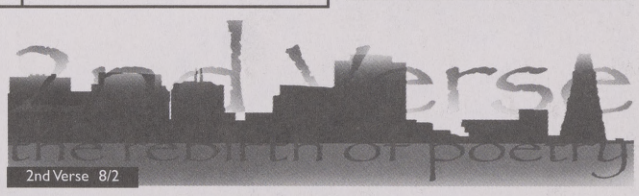
Unsmokables 8/24



2nd Verse 8/2

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La Peña in partnership with the Arab Cultural & Community Ctr. launches

Beyond Walls, Beyond Wars: Arab Cultural Initiative

featuring Arab artists throughout 2007. Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UCB.

See Friday, August 3 and Friday, August 10

Los Boleros 8/31

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